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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: OCTOBER 17 MEETING BETWEEN
SECRETARY AND MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR

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1. AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB REQUESTED MEETING TO MAKE FORMAL
PRESENTATION OF KING HASSAN II'S REPLY TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S MESSAGE URGING MOROCCAN RESTRAINT IN SPANISH
SAHARA. BOUTALEB NOTED THAT THE KING HAD PLEDGED NOT TO
LAUNCH MILITARY AGGRESSION IN SAHARA AND DESCRIBED RECENT
MOROCCAN ACTIONS AS INTENDED TO AID THE INSTITUTION OF
SPANISH-MOROCCAN DIALOGUE ON THE SAHARA. BOUTALEB THEN
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REITERATED STANDARD MOROCCAN CLAIM TO SPANISH SAHARA AND

ACCUSED SPAIN OF WORKING IN THE ALGERIAN INTEREST TO HELP CREATE "A FICTITIOUS NATIONAL ENTITY" IN THE COLONY. BOUTALEB DESCRIBED SPAIN'S POLICY IN THE SAHARA AS INCONSISTENT WITH ITS STANDS ON BASQUE SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS AND REFERENDUM FOR GIBRALTAR. HE THEN OPINED THAT ICJ AND UN FACT-FINDING MISSION REPORTS FAVOR MOROCCAN POSITIONS. HE NOTED SPECIFICALLY THAT ICJ DECLARED SAHARA WAS NOT TERRA NULLIUS PRIOR TO SPANISH OCCUPATION AND AFFIRMED EXISTENCE OF TIES AND ALLEGIANCES WITH MOROCCO PRIOR TO SPANISH COLONIALIZATION. BOUTALEB DISMISSED COURT STATEMENTS SUGGESTING SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SAHARANS AS BEING POLITICAL RATHER THAN JURIDICAL AND THEREFORE OUTSIDE PURVIEW OF COURT.

2. SECRETARY EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR MOROCCAN VIEW BUT SUGGESTED MOROCCO WAIT FOR A TIME TO SEE IF RESULTS OF JURIDICAL DECISION COULD BE EXPLOITED DIPLOMATICALLY.

3. AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB REPLIED THAT MOROCCAN SENSE OF URGENCY STEMS FROM FEAR OF SPANISH-ALGERIAN COLLUSION TO ESTABLISH "AN ARTIFICIAL MOVEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OCCUPYING THE TERRITORY," AND THAT FURTHER DELAY COULD BE RUINOUS TO THE MOROCCAN CAUSE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MOROCCANS FEEL IT WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS TO ASK US TO BE ACTIVELY SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR CAUSE.

4. SECRETARY KISSINGER DESCRIBED MULTIPLE COMPLICATIONS WHICH AFFECT THIS QUESTION AND NOTED THE NEED FOR FURTHER REFLECTION. HE AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT HASSAN DELAY ANY PLANNED ACTION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL DIPLOMATIC POSSIBILITIES OF THE SITUATION CAN BE DETERMINED.

5. AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB AGREED TO TRANSMIT THIS ADVICE TO HASSAN AND REQUESTED US MAKE DEMARCHE TO SPAIN ON SAHARA.

6. SECRETARY AGREED AND PROMISED TO INFORM MOROCCANS REGARDING DEMARCHE AT A LATER DATE. HE ALSO INFORMED BOUTALEB THAT HIS EMISSARY TO KING HASSAN WILL BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON.

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